

The Tourism Ordinance states that a guide's license shall expire on the **third anniversary** after its issuance. The Tourism Commission has adopted the following options for those guides who wish to renew their license:

- 1) Retaking the guide exam. The current amount charged for the exam is \$50.00. A grade of 80% or above must be achieved; failure to do so will mean the guide will lose his or her license until the next regularly scheduled exam.
 - 2) Participating in continuing education offered by the Tourism Commission,
 - 3) The Trident Technical College "Charleston History and Inspiration Course"
 - 4) Guides with 25 years or more experience as a Charleston Licensed Guide are exempt from the recertification process; however, you are required to ***pay your license fee yearly.***
- 1) "The Gullah Culture Thought and Behavior" – Kelvin "Nizar" Blufon, Artist, Historian, Lecturer **(Tuesday, February 7, 2012, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.) 75 Calhoun Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room A and B.** You are responsible for parking.
 - 2) "Aftershocks: Rebuilding Lives and Buildings after The Great Charleston Earthquake of 1886" - Richard N. Côté, Editor-in-Chief, Corinthian Books, **(Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.) 75 Calhoun Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room A and B.** You are responsible for parking.
 - 3) "The Holocaust Memorial, Memory And Meaning," Jennifer Phillips, Holocaust Memorial Development Chair. **(Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.) Holocaust Memorial, Marion Square, rain location, 75 Calhoun Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room A and B.** You are responsible for parking. ***In the reference section at the Charleston County Library is a section "Survivor's of the Shoah" consisting of twenty-eight testimonies of survivors who reside in South Carolina, you may find it helpful to view one of the testimonies prior to the lecture. Walk around the memorial, look at all the elements be prepared to share with others, how it makes you feel.***
 - 4) "Pantry of Carolina Rice Kitchen" – Chef Sean Brock, McCrady's and Husk **(Tuesday, May 22, 2012 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.) 75 Calhoun Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room A and B.** You are responsible for parking.
 - 5) "Sneaking Around The Bushes Listening to Gossip: Stories About Green Things and More" Jim Martin, Lifetime Gardener and Executive Director, Charleston Parks Conservancy, **(Tuesday, June 19, 2012, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m.) 75 Calhoun Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room A and B.** You are responsible for parking.
 - 6) "Charleston's Early Rail Operations" – Denny Stiles, Col USAF (ret), Tour Guide, Poet, **(Wednesday, July 25, 2012, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.) 75 Calhoun Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room A and B.** You are responsible for parking.
 - 7) "Tour Guide Forum" - Suzanne Wallace, Director of Sales, Charleston Area Convention & Visitors Bureau **(Wednesday, August 22, 2012, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.) 423 King Street.** *Will validate your parking ticket if you park at the Hampton Inn Garage.*
 - 8) "The History of the Dock Street Theatre" – Christopher G. Parham, Managing Director, Charleston's Historic Dock Street Theatre, **(Tuesday, September 18, 2012, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.) Dock Street Theatre, 135 Church Street.** You are responsible for parking.

Guides must attend four courses before the end of the year in which their license will expire. The cost for the lectures remains \$40.00 for the series or \$10 per class; we recommend that you pay for your classes in advance if possible.

- The "Charleston History and Inspiration Class" at Trident Tech Palmer Campus – Cost \$125.00
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